

hydrophilic coating comprising:

a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyacrylates and polymethacrylates, said polymer having an equivalent weight of functional moiety in the range of 215-1000 and forming a three-dimensional supporting network through crosslinking bridges at the functional moiety; and

a hydrophilic polymer, said hydrophilic polymer associated with the polyacrylate polymer network,

the polymer network having a crosslink density such that the coating retains durability and slip for up to 24 hours in ambient aqueous medium.

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31. (new) A coated article having a surface coated with a hydrophilic coating, said hydrophilic coating comprising:

a polymer selected from the group consisting of epoxides, polyvinyl chlorides, polyethylene and polypropylene co-difunctional polymers, polyamides, polyesters and alkyl copolymers, said polymer forming a three-dimensional supporting network through crosslinking bridges; and

a hydrophilic polymer, said hydrophilic polymer associated with the polyacrylate polymer matrix,

the polymer matrix having a crosslink density such that the coating retains durability and slip for up to 24 hours in ambient aqueous medium.